SENATE BILL 313 By Miller

AN ACT to name an underpass on U.S. Highway 64 in the City of Cleveland in honor of Coach John Peterson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Coach John Peterson, who has served with distinction as a coach, educator and molder of young minds and bodies for many years; and

WHEREAS, as a coach, teacher, and private citizen, Mr. Peterson has worked with purpose and conviction to make the City of Cleveland's educational system one of the best in the State and its athletic teams some of the most competitive and successful in their respective sports; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges,

Coach Peterson has eagerly embraced the challenges of civic duty; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors, Coach Peterson has proven himself to be a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he has worked assiduously to build a brighter future for his fellow citizens of Cleveland and Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to honor Coach Peterson's bountiful life of purpose and commitment and his long and distinguished record of service as a coach and educator; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the underpass at the Five Points intersection on U. S. Highway 64 in the City of Cleveland, Bradley County is hereby designated the "Coach John Peterson Underpass" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished coach and educator and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the underpass described in Section 1 as the "Coach John Peterson Underpass".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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